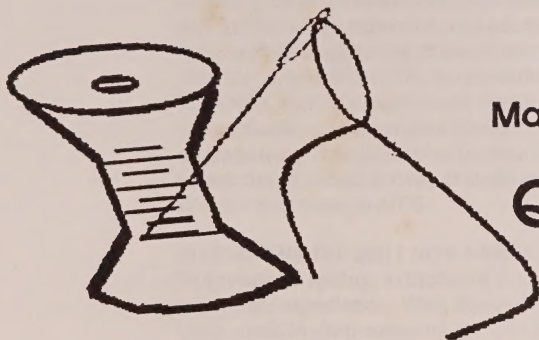


Quilting Bee



Make a NAMES Project

Quilt Panel

for a loved one

**First session will be
Sunday
January 22, 1995**

at

Covenant Metropolitan Community Church

5117 First Avenue North

2:00 PM in the Reception Hall

- ♦ Video - *Common Threads*
- ♦ Instruction manual from The NAMES Project
- ♦ Demonstration of a typical panel
- ♦ Discussion of ideas and tips
- ♦ Plan for material
- ♦ Plan for future regular sessions





Guidelines for the Interfaith Quilt Project

AIDS Memorial Quilt

Bringing the AIDS Memorial Quilt into your religious community is a special opportunity to encourage reflection and education around the issues of HIV and AIDS. This is a time to show support for those in your community affected by the epidemic, to offer care for people with AIDS, to remember loved ones, and to reflect on death and dying. The Quilt, like holy objects and rituals in many religions, is cherished by the thousands of panelmakers who created it and by the families and loved ones of those represented on its panels. A Quilt display in your faith community provides a valuable occasion for enhancing spiritual activity and allows your community to show respect and compassion for those lost to AIDS.

INTEGRATING THE QUILT INTO A FAITH COMMUNITY

In a religious setting, a display of the Quilt can be a powerful symbolic, visual, and emotional experience. With this in mind, many congregations choose to expand the Quilt's role in their community. The following are a few ways to welcome the Quilt into your congregation:

- Form a host committee to coordinate spiritual, educational, and memorial components of your Quilt display.
- Invite local groups such as other congregations and interfaith organizations, school groups, HIV/AIDS and other health organizations, community based organizations, educational organizations, and arts organizations to visit the panels during special hours; or schedule an open house and invite the community.
- Incorporate the Quilt display into services or special ceremonies to encourage reflection and discussion. (See **Guidelines for Religious Ceremonies** for more information.)
- Integrate the Quilt into congregational activities such as educational programs, social action groups, or special holiday programs.
- Invite religious leaders from other denominations and organizations to attend the display.
- Organize discussions around the Quilt and HIV/AIDS awareness; develop educational activities for members of the congregation, including youth.
- Plan and hold a panelmaking workshop.
- Provide a book, registry, or signature square for members and visitors to record their impressions of the Quilt and other feelings related to HIV and AIDS.
- Inform the congregation of how your faith has responded to the AIDS epidemic
- Encourage participants to become involved in faith or community based AIDS service programs or organizations
- Suggest panelmaking for your community; invite a local panelmaker to speak at your ceremony
- Contact the NAMES Project Foundation's education coordinator for ideas about additional educational programs.

CARING FOR THE QUILT

The Quilt is a unique and fragile memorial; the delicate nature of the fabric panels requires that it be treated with respect and careful attention. Remember that the Quilt is never cleaned and cannot be replaced. In religious settings, some special care should be taken when displaying the Quilt:

- Holy water or other liquids may not be sprinkled over the Quilt.
- While a candle lighting service can be a powerful ritual to welcome the Quilt to your community, remember to keep candles far from the actual Quilt panels.
- Although incense may burn regularly in your place of worship, do not use incense on or near the Quilt.
- The Quilt may not be placed on or draped over an altar or area where religious objects are displayed; do not display panels over direct air vents or near open doorways where air currents may create Quilt movement.

Strategic placement of the Quilt in a congregational site will accentuate its visual effect; some groups have placed Quilt panels on the wall beneath a choir loft or in the light of a stained glass window for a memorable impact.

RELIGIOUS RITUALS AND QUILT DISPLAY

Ceremonies or activities around the Quilt's visit that incorporate some of your congregation's traditions can contribute greatly to the profound impact of a Quilt display. At the same time, it is important to recognize that panelmakers and people represented on Quilt panels come from many different faiths. The NAMES Project Foundation asks that congregations not bless Quilt panels or pray for people represented in the Quilt; or perform religious rituals with the Quilt. Interfaith ceremonies are permitted and encouraged.

Congregations submitting new panels may bless or include their panels in religious ceremonies if the panelmakers wish, since these panels are not officially part of the Quilt yet. New panels may be draped over an altar or placed in an area where religious objects are displayed.

The Intention

Healing is both an exercise
and an understanding
and yet not of the will
nor of the intention
It is a wisdom
and a deeper knowledge
of the daily swing
of life and death
in all creation
There is defeat
to overcome
and acceptance of living
to be established
and always
there must be hope
Not hope of healing
but the hope which informs
the coming moment
and gives it reason
The hope which is
each man's breath
the certainty of love
and of loving
Death may live
in the living
and healing rise
in the dying
for whom the natural end
is part of the gathering
and of the harvest
to be expected
To know healing
is to know that
all life is one
and there is no beginning
and no end
and the intention is loving

--Margaret Torrie



Guidelines for Religious Ceremonies

AIDS Memorial Quilt

Well-planned, meaningful ceremonies greatly enhance the impact of the Quilt's visit. Merging spiritual activity, ritual, and ceremony into the many lives and traditions represented by the Quilt can be a moving experience for all communities.

Depending on the structure and breadth of your activities, ceremonies often deepen the spiritual, religious, and cultural dimensions of the Quilt.

It is important to remember, however, that the panelmakers and people represented on the Quilt panels come from many faiths. In order to respect this diversity, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- The NAMES Project Foundation asks that audiences or congregations not bless Quilt panels or pray for people represented on the Quilt; or perform religious rituals with the Quilt.
- People submitting new panels may bless or include their panels in religious ceremonies if the panelmakers wish, since these panels are not yet officially part of the Quilt.

Quilt blocks may be displayed in places of worship where religious prayers and rituals take place but ceremonies that include Quilt panels or are designed specifically to honor the Quilt's visit need to be inclusive of all faiths. The following are some ideas for incorporating the Quilt into interfaith services:

- Use litanies, hymns, poems, and songs that are spiritually appropriate and inclusive of people of all faiths. (Several examples of appropriate pieces are included in this packet.)
- Encourage participation in your ceremony by integrating hand holding, singing, or storytelling.
- Invite audiences to reflect on the Quilt and its meanings through meditation or a moment of silence.



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One Voice

We want to speak with one voice today.

We want the courage to separate ourselves from insensitive actions and intolerant attitudes.

We want to have the compassion and understanding to help heal the wounds of the heart.

We want our homes to be places where all can unburden themselves without fear of ridicule or gossip.

We hope for courage for those whose bodies are violated by the illness and pain of AIDS.

We want to debunk the myths and hurtful stories about AIDS that force people into isolation and loneliness.

We seek the intelligence to separate fact from fiction and to use our knowledge to be helpful, not harmful.

We want to find and keep relationships that are caring.

We seek strength and hope for families and friends who give their loving care and support, striving to overcome despair.

We know that our friends who are or will be infected with AIDS need adequate medical care and human support.

We hope for wisdom for those who probe the deepest complexities of this world as they labor in search of treatment and cures.

We hope for insight that we may understand that whenever death comes, we must accept it. But want also to know that before death comes, we must resist it, prolonging life and making our life worthy as long as we live it. We want to lovingly hold the hands of the sick.

We want clarity of vision and strength of purpose and to move to act with justice and compassion.

We want to find the courage to dispel fear and hatred.

As a symbol of our love and understanding and our resolve to help, let us all join together, holding hands, in a moment of silence in tribute to those whose lives are commemorated in the Quilt.

And Then

And then all that has divided us will merge
And then compassion will be wedded to power
And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind
And then both men and women will be gentle
And then both women and men will be strong
And then no person will be subject to another's will
And then all will be rich and freed and varied
And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many
And then all will share equally in the earth's abundance
And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old
And then all will nourish the young
And then all will live in harmony with each other and the
Earth and everywhere will be called Eden once again.

--Judy Chicago

In Memoriam

Every day we remember.

With each new panel we accept into our loving care,
with each new community we gently touch,
with each new person who joins in the compassionate response,
we remember.

This epidemic has torn from our lives so many of the very best.
As our journey with the Quilt continues
we remember all of those who helped create The NAMES Project.

We remember those whose lives our panels celebrate,
and those who found hope in stitching them.

We remember those who appeared at our doorstep willing to
sew, cut, fold, box, copy, staple, hammer,
grommet, carry, type, paint, answer phones
and do whatever else we needed.

We remember those who brought the Quilt to communities all over the world
so that people everywhere might respond as one.

We remember those who opened their hearts to us
with gifts of time, talent, and money.

We remember those who opened their arms to us
so that we might find the courage to continue.

We remember all of those, many whose names we may never know,
who believed in us and knew
that we would make a difference.

Every time we unfold the Quilt,
we remember the people who lovingly gave of their lives
to create The NAMES Project.

We remember them...and we miss them.

We miss them every single day.



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CMCC AIDS CARE TEAMS

A Care Team is composed of 10-12 trained individuals working together as a team to care for a person living with AIDS.

Typically the following types of services are provided:

Personal care	Transportation
Emotional/social support	
Food assistance	Spiritual support
Advocacy	

Each PLA is different. CMCC services will be provided based on the talents, time, and gifts of the Team.

If interested, please fill out and put in offering plate or give to Shirley Lambert or Shannon Brier.

NAME: _____

Phone no. (W) _____

OK to call me at work ____ yes ____ no

Phone no. (H) _____

OK to leave a message ____ yes ____ no

List three possible dates and times available for meeting to discuss CARE TEAMS in more detail.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

CHART AIDS CARE TEAMS

A Care Team is composed of 10-12 trained individuals working together as a team to care for a person living with AIDS.

Typically the following types of services are provided:

- Personal care
- Emotional/social support
- Food assistance
- Spinal support
- Advocacy

Each CACT is different. CACT services will be provided based on the needs, time, and gifts of the Team.

If interested, please fill out and put in offering plate or give to church. Attached are questions to:

NAME: _____

Please see (10) _____

Call to find out more at _____

Please see (11) _____

Call to find out more at _____

List three possible dates and times available for meeting to discuss CARE TEAMS in more detail.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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O God of love, whose spirit wakes
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In every human breast,
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Whom love, and love alone, can know,
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In whom all hearts find rest:
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Help us to spread thy gracious reign
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Till greed and hate shall cease,
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And kindness dwell in human hearts,
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And all the earth finds peace!
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Henry Hallam Tweedy
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O send
out
thy light
and
thy truth.

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Psalm 43:3
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Viaticus enables a person facing a terminal illness to sell their life insurance policy when additional resources are most needed. The money helps people restore control over their lives — to make choices they might not otherwise have, such as paying for medical expenses, or sharing funds with family, friends or favorite charities. It may even allow them to keep their home.

This material is designed to provide health care professionals — case management workers, physicians, social workers and others who work closely with terminally ill individuals — an introduction to how our viatical settlement service works, so they can better present this important new resource to people in need.

We also want you to know that Viaticus is committed to providing resources to terminally ill individuals on a timely basis, in an ethical and professional manner. To us that means maintaining impeccable patient record confidentiality, offering fair payment for policies, and encouraging strict regulation.

THE
VIATICUS
PROCESS

Viaticating is the process of selling a life insurance policy through our organization. Our process is simple and non-threatening. Experienced insurance and medical professionals guide patients through every step. And rest assured, we treat individuals and their families with the dignity, compassion and privacy they deserve.

Qualification

If a person is diagnosed with a terminal illness, and their life insurance policy has been in force beyond the contestable period, they may be eligible.

Applying

There are no invasive interviews or lengthy questionnaires to complete, just a simple form. With the applicant's permission, our professional staff then gathers medical records for review by our team of physicians.

Valuation

The amount Viaticus will pay for an applicant's policy is determined by several factors, including prevailing interest rates, premium obligations, and projected life expectancy.

Distribution of Funds

Viaticus is committed to leading the industry in "turn-around" time — usually making complete payment within a few days of approval. All funds are transferred directly to special accounts established for our clients to ensure prompt, secure transfer of assets.

THE ADDED
VALUE
OF AN
EXPERIENCED
COMPANY

Viaticus has become the leading viatical settlement company due to its financial strength and stability. We are a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNA Financial Corp. (CNA), parent company of the CNA Insurance Companies. This factor sets Viaticus apart from all others — we are the only viatical settlement company owned by a major U.S. insurance organization.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION

Our professional staff is available to answer any questions you may have about this important resource. We would also welcome the opportunity to visit with you in person to explain in detail how the process works.

Viaticus has set a new standard of quality and caring among viatical settlement services, bringing terminally ill individuals and their families viable options at a time of need. The way we see it, we're in the business of restoring hope.

To learn more about how our service might benefit your patients, please call 800.390.1390.

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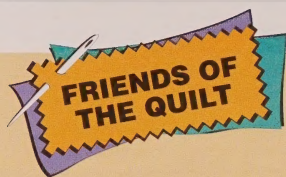


THE NAMES
PROJECT

AIDS Memorial Quilt

NAMES Project Foundation
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San Francisco, CA 94107





SUPPORTER REPLY

- ☐ **YES, I want to help the AIDS Memorial Quilt play a unique and powerful role in preventing the spread of AIDS — especially by displaying the Quilt in its entirety in Washington, D.C. in 1996.**

To help The NAMES Project educate Americans about AIDS and prevent more lives from being lost, I am enclosing my contribution of:

☐ \$35 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100* ☐ Other \$ _____

Members contributing \$35 or more receive a one-year subscription to the quarterly NAMESletter, containing information about upcoming Quilt displays and FRIENDS OF THE QUILT activities.

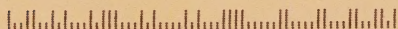
* Gifts of \$100 will also be acknowledged with this special 1996 FRIENDS OF THE QUILT membership pin. → →



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San Francisco, CA 94107

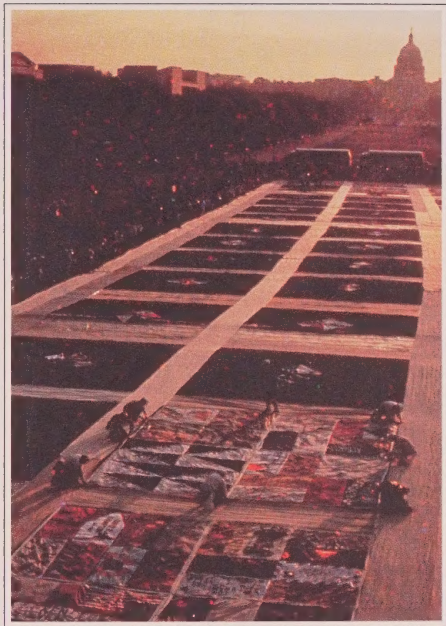
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to help us take the Quilt back
in 1996, the next presidential

The timing, of course, is no accident. The Quilt will be displayed just weeks before U.S. elections, when the spotlight is on the President and elected members of Congress. The Quilt

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*Unfolding the AIDS Memorial Quilt
at dawn in Washington, D.C.*

Each panel of the AIDS Memorial
Quilt pays tribute to another loved
one lost to AIDS.

The Quilt helps us keep their memo-
ries alive, and plays a crucial role in
the fight against this deadly epidemic.

Please, become a FRIEND OF THE
QUILT today.





THE NAMES
PROJECT

AIDS Memorial Quilt

NAMES Project Gift Department

2550 Ninth Street

Box 1051

Berkeley, California 94710





THE NAMES
PROJECT

AIDS Memorial Quilt

Dear Friend,

No one can look at the AIDS Memorial Quilt without being profoundly changed -- and motivated -- by witnessing the love, and yes, the deep sorrow it contains.

Each individual's panel, many with birth and death dates, photographs and mementos, represents the life of someone who lived and was loved -- and who died of AIDS.

The Quilt's power lies in its ability to put a human face on nameless statistics -- opening minds ... changing perceptions ... and eradicating prejudice, hysteria and misinformation.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt has opened thousands of hearts and minds through displays in communities across America. But nothing can compare to the overwhelming impact of displaying the entire Quilt in our nation's capital, as The NAMES Project has done four times, most recently in 1992.

Perhaps you were there in person or saw it on television or in a newspaper. Seeing the Quilt laid out on the grounds of the Washington Monument -- over 20,000 panels covering 13 acres -- was an unforgettable experience.

I'm sure that every single one of the 400,000 people who saw the display came away with a better understanding of the crisis and a new commitment to put an end to this epidemic that has taken so many of our friends and loved ones.

Today I am asking you to help us take the Quilt back to Washington again -- in 1996, the next presidential election year.

The timing, of course, is no accident. The Quilt will be displayed just weeks before U.S. elections, when the spotlight is on the President and elected members of Congress. The Quilt

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will serve to ensure that AIDS and its awful cost is remembered as a top priority on the American agenda.

As 1996 approaches, here at The NAMES Project, we're already in full swing for the Washington display. The planning and coordination that's needed for an event of this magnitude is staggering -- transportation ... volunteers ... event management ... merchandising ... publicity ... the list goes on and on.

It will take 16 railroad cars to transport the Quilt to Washington! We will need 15,000 volunteers to manage this massive undertaking, and as you can imagine, the cost will be significant.

The fact that the 1996 display will be 25 times larger than it was in 1987 is a terrible tragedy. When the Quilt is laid out in our nation's capital, it will cover the entire Mall from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial -- and the impact will be felt in Washington and all across America.

We need thousands of people like you -- who truly care about stopping this deadly epidemic -- to join us in making it happen.

That's why I'm writing to ask you to become a FRIEND OF THE QUILT. By supporting The NAMES Project, you will enable us to bring the Quilt and its message of hope to Washington and to hundreds of communities all across the country.

In addition to returning to D.C. in 1996, our current schedule calls for displaying the Quilt in more than 200 cities during the coming year -- another massive undertaking, but well worth the effort and expense.

As the Quilt hangs in classrooms, in offices, in shopping malls and houses of worship, it will take on the vital role of educating people about the disease and preventing more lives from being lost.

The Quilt not only raises awareness about AIDS, it works a kind of magic, truly touching the hearts and minds of millions of Americans who might otherwise not see the humanity behind the grim death toll.

After experiencing the Quilt, many visitors will be motivated to get personally involved in the fight against AIDS.

After seeing the Quilt, a high school student in Portland started an AIDS awareness project at her school ... a 53-year old farmer in Kansas made a substantial donation to an AIDS research organization ... a mother in Florida decided to have a frank discussion with her teenage son about the transmission of AIDS ... and a generous woman from California decided to become a full-time volunteer for The NAMES Project.

You see, the Quilt inspires positive action that saves lives. But for the Quilt to have its most powerful impact in the fight against AIDS, it must be seen. When it is displayed, it serves as a powerful tool for education and prevention -- quite possibly saving thousands of lives.

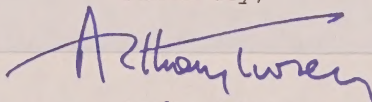
So I hope you will take an important step today and support The NAMES Project. Become a FRIEND OF THE QUILT and be a partner in our mission of remembrance, hope and action.

Together, we can remember those whose lives have been so cruelly cut short, while at the same time fighting fear, bigotry and ignorance and effectively combatting AIDS.

Please take a moment to consider what a great impact your contribution can have -- and then give as generously as you can. Your gift will be put to immediate good use, working to bring the Quilt and its message to as many Americans as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you right away. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony Turney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Anthony Turney
Executive Director

P.S. Your partnership is urgently needed. In the fight against AIDS, more lives are at stake every day. Please, return the enclosed form as soon as possible.

